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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WOMAN SENTENCED FOR BANK FRAUD

WASHINGTON - Denise Carpenter, 24, of the District of Columbia, was sentenced yesterday, before the Honorable Ricardo M. Urbina of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to one day of incarceration with credit for time served, to be followed by 48 months supervised release and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$8,463.00, following her earlier guilty plea on June 16, 2009, to one count of Bank Fraud, announced Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips and Jeffrey W. Irvine, Special Agent in Charge, of the U.S. Secret Service's Washington Field Office.

According to the Statement of Offense filed with the court by the government, in July 2006, Carpenter maintained a checking account at the Bank of America. On July 11, 2006, the defendant obtained a U.S. Treasury Check in the amount of \$8,463.00, that was a tax refund check made payable to the victims in the case. That same day, the defendant went to a Bank of America in Prince George's County, Maryland, signed her name and Bank of America checking account number on the back of the Treasury Check, and deposited the Treasury Check into her checking account. The defendant knew that the Treasury Check contained the falsely endorsed signature of one of the victims. The forged check was made without the permission or knowledge of the witnesses and was done by the defendant with an agreement with another to defraud the Bank of America.

On July 12, 2006, the defendant withdrew, in separate transactions, \$3,000.00 and \$1,900.00 from her checking account at a Bank of America branch in the District of Columbia. On July 18, 2006, \$270.88 was electronically transferred from the defendant's Bank of America checking account to Aaron Salo, for payment on merchandise that the defendant owed. On July 20, 2006, the defendant withdrew \$3,200.00 from her checking account from a Bank of America branch in the District of Columbia.

In announcing the sentence, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips and Special Agent in Charge Irvine commended the outstanding investigative work of Special Agent Dai Tran. They also commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Karla-Dee Clark, who investigated and prosecuted the case, and legal assistants Latoya Davenport and Latoya Wade, and paralegal Teesha Tobias.

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